(ii) STEEL: The JPC base price of selected steel items is as under:

Items	Period ending			
	Dec. 1989	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1990	June 1991
Billets	5660	6055	6055	6055
Bloom	5260	5635	5635	5635
Slabs	5460	5845	5845	5845
Bars & Road (2 mm)	6610	7055	7055	7055
Angles	7160	7630	7630	7630
Plates	8775	9325	9325	9325
HR coils	9140	9710	9710	9710
CR coils	10380	11010	11010	11010
GP Sheets	10695	11340	11340	11340
GC Sheets	10745	17390	11390	11390

(There has been an average increase of Rs. 36/- per tonne in the prices of JPC categories of steel items due to increase in the special Excise Duty from 25th/ 26th July, 1991. The base prices of JPC categories of steel have further been increased by the JPC by Rs. 90/- per tonne from 31st August/1st Sept. 1991 due to railway freight increase.)

(e) The price behaviour is under constant review and monitoring by the Government. The Government has also introduced a number of structural reforms in the spheres of trade, industry, exchange rate. monetary and fiscal policies. These measures are expected to control inflation and to bring about a reasonable price stability in future.

Stoppage of grant to special category States

233. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have discontinued the payment of grants to special category states;

(b) if so, what are the names of the states receiving such grants;

(c) what are the reasons for its discontinuance; and

(d) whether Government propose to receive payment of such grants and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Finance gives the following grants to Special Category States:

(i) Revenue Gap Grants,

(ii) Centre's contribution to the Calamity Relief Funds of the States, which is in the form of a grant, and

(iii) Normal Central assistance, Central assistance for externally aided projects for State Plans and special Central assistance for Hill Development Programme allocated by the Planning Commission and released by the Ministry of Finance to Special Category States of which 90 per cent

is the grant component. None of the above mentioned grants have been discontinued.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Appointments in Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi

234. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Sanskrit Board had passed a resolution for the appointment of a Director of the Sansthan;

(b) if so, the details of the said resolution and steps being taken by Government to make the appointment of the Director on regular basis and the maximum time likely to be taken for the appointment;

(c) whether some officers had been appointed in 1990-91 on ad-hoc and additional charge basis in the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi ignoring the essential qualifications and procedure laid down in the Recruitment rules of the Sansthan;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the posts of the officers on regular basis in accordance with the Recruitment rules of the Sansthan?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SNGH): (a) No Sir, no such resolution was passed by the Central Sanskrit Board in its meeting held on 1st September, 1990. It only recommended that the post of Director, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan should be filled up at the earliest.

(b) As the administrative restructuring of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan as part of a statutory body at the national level has been under consideration of the Ministry, a decision was taken that the selection of regular Director of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan should be deferred until a final view in the matter. The restructuring of the Sansthan has not yet been finalised, therefore, appointment of a regular Director to the Sansthan has also not been decided.

(c) and (d) Only Shri K. P. Painuly, a selection grade officer has been appointed as Assistant Director (Examination) on ad-hoc basis with the approval of competent authority, who does not fulfil one of the essential qualifications laid down in the Recruitment rules. His adhoc appointment has been made upto 30-9-91, considering his long experience as Section Officer in the Sansthan as well as experience in the Examination Section.

(e) The posts in Rashtriya Sanakrit Sansthan except the post of Director of the Sansthan, are filled up by the Sansthan, in accordance with the Recruitment rules and with the approval of competent authority. The Sansthan has already fixed up a date for Selection Committee for the post of Deputy Director (Administration) which is substantively vacant on account of the death of the previous incumbent. There are no other clear substantive vacancies of officers which can be filled up on a regular basis.

Amounts returned by the Assam Government

235. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of money was returned by the Assam Government during the A.G.P. rule to his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof since 1986, year-wise?